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Rental applications available for second phase of senior community

LĪHU'E – With the second phase of an affordable housing community for seniors in Līhu'e set for completion in the next few months, rental applications are now being accepted by the management company, EAH Housing.

Kaniko'o is designed specifically for seniors ages 62 and above. Phase two consists of 30 rental units with 24 one-bedroom and six two-bedroom apartments ranging from 606 to 778 square feet. The first phase of 60 units was completed last year and all of those units are occupied.

Rents for the one-bedroom units in phase two will be \$809 per month while the two-bedroom units will rent for \$970 per month. Rent includes water, sewer, refuse service and electricity.

"Facilitating affordable housing opportunities for Kaua'i residents is one of our top priorities," said Mayor Bernard Carvalho, Jr. "We are very happy that more of our kupuna will have the opportunity to live in an affordable apartment that's conveniently located in the center of Līhu'e."

"An achievement like Kaniko'o takes the support of countless advocates, organizations and local and state governments. All of the partners in this project have a true sense of commitment to quality affordable housing and understand what it takes to support a thriving community," said Kaua'i County Housing Director Kanani Fu.

The key partners that brought Kaniko‘o to fruition include the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Hawai‘i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) and the Kaua‘i County Housing Agency.

“Kaniko‘o is a vision in well-designed and sustainable affordable housing,” said Makani Maeva, director of the Vitus Group Hawai‘i office. “Access to quality rental housing can be a significant challenge. We are proud to provide a steady, dependable source of housing on Kaua‘i with the second phase of Kaniko‘o.”

The amenities for phase two include energy efficient electric appliances and lighting, vinyl plank floors, cable hook-ups, ceiling fans, low E-glass windows and laundry facilities.

In addition, the complex features a community center with a kitchenette, garden plots and drought resistant landscaping.

The apartments are also designed to take advantage of the prevailing tradewinds for natural ventilation.

“EAH Housing is pleased to provide quality management services for the second phase of this project, offering our kupuna with a sense of freedom and independence. We’re thankful to see the benefit of developing a community for those in need,” said Kevin Carney, Vice President of EAH Housing Hawai‘i.

Kaniko‘o is in line with the Mayor’s Holo Holo 2020 vision for Kaua‘i. His vision calls for all organizations, businesses, residents and visitors on Kaua‘i to be part of creating an island that is sustainable, values the native culture, has a thriving and healthy economy, cares for all – keiki to kupuna – and has a responsible and user-friendly local government.

For more information or to get an application, please call the Kaniko‘o management office at 808-726-2888 or visit their website at www.eahhousing.org.

